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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you at this time to seek your assistance in this situation.

I am writing the FDA and urging you to grant the petition docket number 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

It is felt that animals too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. Downed animals are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

It is felt that downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. There are also health risks to humans. In addition

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To possible bacterial contamination, some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness.

I hope to hear from you in the very near future. Thanking you in advance for your time on this important and urgent matter.

Sincerely,
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